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The Honorable John Glenn
United States Senator
200 North High Street, Suite 600
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Dear Senator Glenn:

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

This is in reply to your letter of April 15, 1994, on behalf of your constituents, Thomas Bodi, E-911 Director of Lucas County, and Patricia Moomey, Operations Manager of Lucas County 911. Mr. Bodi and Ms. Moomey are interested in the implementation of Enhanced 911 (E-911) technology in the Personal Communication Services industry.

On September 23, 1993, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order in GEN Docket No. 90-314 that established rules for new Personal Communications Services (PCS). In this Order, we urged the PCS industry and standards-setting bodies to "direct particular attention [to] offering an emergency 911 capability that would work with enhanced-911 systems (E-911) and, to the extent feasible, permit locating a caller in situations where the caller is unable to state his location." Also, we indicated that we were contemplating the initiation of a future rule making proceeding "to address E-911 and related issues with regard to PCS, cellular, and any other relevant mobile service."

In response to our Order, the Texas Attorney General's Office filed a Petition for Reconsideration requesting that we require PCS licensees to provide E-911 service as a condition of license, and that we require development of a single, uniform standard for PCS E-911 service. There were a number of comments filed in support of Texas' petition. Several companies expressed concern about the potentially significant added costs of providing precise E-911 location information, as well as the delays that an FCC mandate for providing such information could bring to PCS development.

We are carefully considering the Texas petition and the comments filed in response to it. Because of the importance of this issue, we are considering the initiation of a separate rule making proceeding later this year dedicated exclusively to the E-911 capabilities of mobile telephone services. Such a proceeding would allow us to fully address all regulatory aspects of E-911, and to develop the most fair and effective regulations possible. In the meantime, a joint industry group consisting of representatives from the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), and the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA), have been working to develop a common position on how PCS E-911 service should be implemented. We expect the results of those discussions to be filed with the Commission shortly.

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We appreciate your constituents' thoughts on this important topic and have added them, along with your letter, to the record in the PCS proceeding.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Stanley
Chief Engineer

Richard B. Engelman
Chief, OET/AED/TSB

Julius P. Knapp
Chief, OET/AED

cc (w/incoming): Secretary, for inclusion in GEN Docket 90-314 ✓

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April 15, 1994

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ENCLOSURE FROM:


Patricia R. Mooney and Thomas E. Bodi
Lucas County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center
2144 Monroe Street
Toledo, Ohio 43624

RE: The constituents are inquiring about wireless public safety services. Mr. Bodi and Ms. Mooney are requesting that the Commission take a look at mandating the exact location of a caller that uses wireless service. Please review and advise.

I forward the attached for your consideration. I would appreciate receiving your response in duplicate and the return of the original correspondence as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,



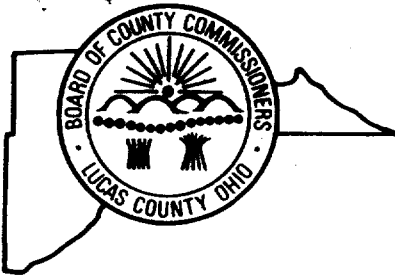
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Attention: Nathan Coffman



COUNTY OF LUCAS

E 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

March 30, 1994

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Dear Senator Glenn:

I am writing to you to ask your support to provide a wireless service, Personal Communication Service (PCS), that will ensure the safety of the user of that service. I am one of your constituents and work in the field of public safety as the Director of 9-1-1. Personal Communication Service is about to become a reality and we in Public Safety have a great concern for its ability to protect its user.

Let me set the scene for you:

ENHANCED 9-1-1 SERVICE

You are at home and an emergency arises. You simply dial 9-1-1. Your call is answered by a call taker at your emergency center. Along with that call comes vital information; i.e., name, address, city, zip, telephone number, date, time of day, and the public safety agencies (fire, police & EMS) that cover your address. Response is quick. Dispatch is almost immediate and your loved one is treated.

P.C.S. WIRELESS SERVICE

You take your small telephone unit with you and go for a walk in the park. A mile or so away, you become violently ill. You take out your small telephone and dial 9-1-1. The call taker in your emergency center answers but has no idea where you are. If you are unable to speak --- well, you can see the obvious consequences.

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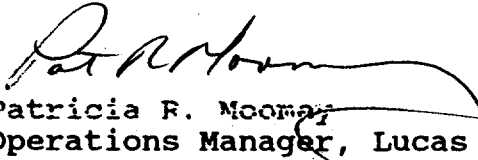
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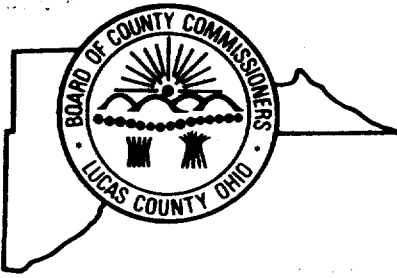
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Patricia R. Mooney
Operations Manager, Lucas County 9-1-1

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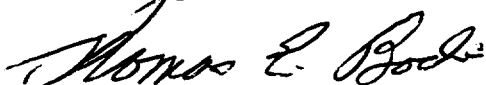
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas E. Bodi".

Thomas E. Bodi
Director, Lucas County 9-1-1

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